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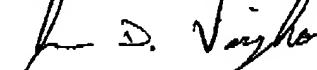
In the Examiner's Answer of January 31, 2006, the examiner states on page 6, last paragraph that the "[a]ppellants erred in stating: "multiple core structure shown in the prior art contains only one active ingredient." Appellants respectfully submit that nowhere in its Brief dated November 1, 2005, does this statement appear. For purposes of clarification, appellants restate below the relevant parts of its Brief (See page 4, beginning part of the first full paragraph):

Applicants in response point out that each of the multiple core structures shown in the cited art contains the same active ingredient(s). The Examiner is directed to column 3, lines 18-32 of Akamatsu et al. wherein the cited art discloses possible combinations of natural carotenoids for each microcore structure. Further disclosures in Akamatsu et al. favoring Applicants argument that each core structure found in the cited art contains only one category of active ingredient per micro structure can be found in Example 1, of column 7, wherein the cited art lists "palm oil as carotenoid" - no microcore structures containing different chemical compositions are disclosed. Conversely, the present invention however, claims multiple core structures with more than one active ingredient with at least two cores of a multicore structure having a different chemical composition.

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